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FOR ROSENBLATT FROM THOMPSON

1. WE HAVE HAD AT LEAST 16 MARRIAGES BETWEEN REFUGEES IN THIS AREA WHICH ONE SPOUSE HAS AN "A" NUMBER AND THE OTHER DOES NOT. IN SOME CASES THE PRINCIPAL APPLICANT (PA) WAS MARRIED, IN OTHERS, IT WAS A BROTHER OR SISTER. SIX OF THESE MARRIAGES ARE IN FAMILIES WHO ALREADY HAVE CONFIRMED SPONSORS, THUS DELAYING TRAVEL OF THE ENTIRE FAMILY.

2. VOLAGS ARE, PRESUMABLY, SEARCHING FOR SPONSORS FOR THE BALANCE WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE OF THE NEW SPOUSE. (IF "A" NUMBERS DO BECOME AVAILABLE, THE NEW SPOUSE AND THE FAMILY AND THE

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SPONSOR WOULD BE REQUIRED TO WAIT UNTIL THE NEXT INS VISIT

FOR INTERVIEWS.) IF MORE NUMBERS DO NOT MATERIALIZED, WE WILL BE PUT IN THE POSITION OF SPLITTING SPOUSES IF WE ALLOWED THE INDIVIDUAL WITH AN "A" NUMBER TO PROCEED TO THE U.S. AND KEPT THE UN-NUMBERED SPOUSE IN THAILAND.

3. TO INSURE THE NEW SPOUSE GETS A NUMBER, WE COULD UTILIZE PART OF THE 150 NUMBERS RESERVED FOR "HIGH PRIORITY" CASES. THE SPOUSE COULD BE CONSIDERED AS A NEW CATEGORY I REFUGEE WITH A SOMEWHAT CLOSER RELATIONSHIP THAN THAT OF PARENTS OR SIBLINGS.

4. WOULD PROPOSE THAT WE QUALIFY THE SPOUSE ONLY RPT ONLY AND NO PARENTS, SIBLINGS OR EXTENDED RELATIVES UNDER THIS PROGRAM. THIS WOULD PRECLUDE REFUGEES FROM RANDOMLY MARRYING WITH THE INTENT OF BRINGING OTHER, PRESENTLY UNQUALIFIED, PEOPLE UNDER THE PAROLE UMBRELLA. IN ADDITION, THE NEW REFUGEE SPOUSE WHO RECEIVED ONE OF THESE RESERVED NUMBERS WOULD NOT RPT NOT CONFER CATEGORY I STATUS ON HIS/HER RELATIVES NOW OR IN THE FUTURE, IE: NO MAGNETIC "DRAWING" RIGHTS. THE NEW SPOUSE WOULD, HOWEVER, BE ABLE TO PETITION FOR THEIR RELATIVES VIA NORMAL INS CHANNELS ONCE THEY BECAME AMCITS.

5. A QUESTION OF TIMING ARISES. IF THIS PROPOSAL IS APPROVED, COULD A CONOFF PERFORM THE "INS" INTERVIEW? IN THE ABSENCE OF AN INS OFFICER, THIS WOULD CERTAINLY EXPEDITE THE CONCERNED FAMILY'S DEPARTURE FROM THAILAND. A VISA FALCON CLEARANCE WOULD, OF COURSE, STILL BE REQUIRED.

6. ESTIMATE AT LEAST 30 NUMBERS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE NEW UN-NUMBERED SPOUSES.

7. ADVISE HAMILTON

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